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SUBJECT: REPLY TO ROK JULY 4 MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT

1. PRESIDENT PARK HAS SENT CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO THE PRESIDENT ON OCCASION OF INDEPENDENCE DAY. EMBASSY SHOULD DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT PARK.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

YOUR KIND AND THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INDEPENDENCE AS A NATION SYMBOLIZES THE CLOSE FRIENDSHIP AND MUTUAL RESPECT WHICH HAVE LONG CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLE.

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3. DEPARTMENT DOES NOT INTEND TO RELEASE EITHER MESSAGE
BUT HAS NO OBJECTION IF ROKG WISHES TO DO SO.

4. FYI: FOLLOWING IS PRESIDENT PARK'S MESSAGE OF
CONGRATULATIONS.

BEGIN TEXT:

ON THE ONE HUNDRED NINETY-NINTH ANNIVERSARY OF YOUR
NATION'S INDEPENDENCE I TAKE GREAT PLEASURE IN CONVEYING
TO YOU AND TO YOUR GREAT PEOPLE MY WARM PERSONAL GREET-
INGS AND THE BEST WISHES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC
OF KOREA. ON THIS ANNIVERSARY OF ONE OF THE GREATEST
EVENTS IN HISTORY OF MANKIND WE LOOK FORWARD TO
STRENGTHENING IN THE YEARS AHEAD THE CLOSE BONDS OF
FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WITH YOU AND YOUR PEOPLE AS
WE PURSUE OUR COMMON GOAL OF SECURITY, PEACE AND
PROGRESS.

END TEXT. END FYI.

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